



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Pierre BARBERIS et al.  
Serial No.: 10/575,020 Confirmation No.: 7053  
Filed: April 7, 2006  
For: **METHOD OF PRODUCING A FLAT ZIRCONIUM ALLOY PRODUCT, FLAT PRODUCT THUS OBTAINED AND A NUCLEAR PLANT REACTOR GRID WHICH IS MADE FROM SAID FLAT PRODUCT**  
  
Art Unit: 1793  
Examiner: Weiping Zhu  
Customer No.: 23280  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.